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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FOR THE AMBASSADOR: GEORGE SPRINGSTEEN ASKED THAT I INFORM YOU THAT JOHN LEDDY'S WIFE DIED SUNDAY. MEMORIAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD THURSDAY.
 2. NICK BENIGSEN WILL BE ARRIVING MOSCOW MAY 11 OR 12 BUT DOES NOT YET HAVE FINAL DETAILS IRONED OUT. WE WILL INFORM YOU OF EXACT TRAVEL PLANS ASAP.
 3. WE UNDERSTAND GINNY OLBRISH WOULD LIKE TO BE REASSIGNED TO MOSCOW AFTER HER PRESENT TOUR ENDS IN AUGUST. MAY WE BE OF ASSISTANCE AT THIS END - OR SHOULD WE STAY OUT OF IT? WE HAVE LEARNED FROM PER THAT THEY ARE HOLDING OFF PANEL ACTION ON HER AND SENDING YOU A CABLE ABOUT A NOVEMBER OPENING YOU HAVE WHICH COULD BE PRECEDED BY HOMELEAVE.
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4. BILL LUERS' SECRETARY TELLS US SHE HAS BEEN SENDING TO DICK COMBS SELECTED SECTIONS OF THE WASHINGTON POST. SHE IS LEAVING ON TRANSFER, AND WE WOULD BE GLAD TO TAKE IT OVER. COULD DICK PLEASE ASSURE US THAT THIS IS WANTED, AND INDICATE WHICH SECTIONS ARE DESIRED? VANCE

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